

Please add the following new claims.

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5. The label as claimed in claim 2, wherein the ground fabric has margin regions and the floating embroidery weft threads are removed in the margin regions of the narrow sides of the label.
 6. The label as claimed in claim 2, wherein the label has marginal regions folded on the narrow sides.
 7. The label as claimed in claim 3, wherein the label has marginal regions folded on the narrow sides.

REMARKS

Applicant submits herewith a Preliminary Amendment for entry prior to computation of the fee and examination of the application on the merits. Applicant believes the amendment submitted herewith conforms the application to U.S. practice and it is believed that the amendment to the claims place them in allowable form. No substantive change has been made to the claims, rather the amendments consist primarily of the elimination of multiple dependencies, the inclusion of antecedents, and the adoption of colloquial U.S. English and claim format. In view of the favorable International Preliminary Examination Report, early entry of the Notice of Allowance is courteously requested. Should the examiner have any questions which may be resolved by telephone conference, it is requested that the examiner contact applicant's attorney at 1-800-445-3460. Should this amendment necessitate any additional fees it may be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

Respectfully submitted,

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Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 1, line 3 of the Annex submitted to the International Preliminary Examination Authority on June 28, 2001, please delete the heading: "Technical Field" and substitute therefor:

- Background of the Invention --
1. Field of the Invention --

At page 1, lines 4-5 of the Annex submitted to the International Preliminary Examination Authority on June 28, 2001, please amend the paragraph as follows:

-- The invention relates to a label [according to the preamble of claim 1] made from fusable thread material with a ground fabric formed from ground warp threads. More particularly, it concerns such a label having nonfolded longitudinal sides and foldable narrow sides and with code weft threads which make an invisible bar code and, when observed in visible light, are essentially visually identical to the ground weft thread and can be distinguished therefrom when exposed to light outside the visible spectrum and which are tied to the ground fabric.

At page 1, line 6, of the Annex submitted to the International Preliminary Examination Authority on June 28, 2001, please delete "Prior Art" and substitute therefor:

- 2. Description of the Prior Art --

At page 3, line 24 of the Annex submitted to the International Preliminary Examination Authority on June 28, 2001, please delete the heading "Presentation of the Invention" and substitute therefor:

- Summary of the Invention --

At page 5, line 1 of the Annex submitted to the International Preliminary Examination Authority on June 28, 2001, please delete the heading "Brief Description of the Drawings" and substitute therefor:

- Brief Description of the Drawings --

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At page 6, line 1 of the Annex submitted to the International Preliminary Examination Authority on June 28, 2001, please delete the heading "Ways of Implementing the Invention" and substitute therefor:

-- Description of the Preferred Embodiments --.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 9 of page 6 of the specification as follows:

-- The label 22 has, as is customary, a quadrangular shape with two nonfolded longitudinal sides 1 and two foldable transverse sides 2 which, according to the illustration, are designed as narrow sides. The label 22 consists of a ground fabric 11 made from ground warp threads 4 and ground weft threads 5 and a plurality of embroidery weft threads 12, which make a figure in a region 13 of the label, and a plurality of code weft threads 10, which in the region 13 made a code pattern in the form of a bar code with is "invisible" when observed [invisible] in visible light and which is formed in each case by code strips 23 running in the warp direction and succeeding one another in the weft direction. -- .

Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A woven label made from fusible thread material, comprising:
[with] a ground fabric [(11)] formed from ground warp threads [(4)] and ground weft threads [(5)], said ground fabric having [containing] nonfolded longitudinal sides [(1)] and foldable narrow sides [(2)]; and [with]
code weft threads [(10)] which make an invisible bar code and, when observed in visible light, are essentially visually identical to the ground weft threads [(5)] and can be distinguished from the [latter] ground weft threads [in the light of] when exposed to radiation taking effect outside the visible range and which are tied in the ground fabric [(11)],
[characterized by the fact that] wherein the longitudinal sides [(1)] are oriented transversely to the ground warp threads [(4)] and the code weft threads [(10)] run parallel to and at a distance from the longitudinal sides [(1)], said code weft threads floating below the ground fabric [(11)] and being led onto the top side of the ground fabric in order to form a bar code.

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2. (Amended) The label as claimed in claim 1, [characterized in that it] wherein the label has embroidery weft threads [(12)] which form a figure and run parallel to and at a distance from the longitudinal sides [(10)], said embroidery weft threads floating below the ground fabric and being led upward to form the figure.

3. (Amended) The label as claimed in claim 1 [or 2], [characterized in that] wherein the ground fabric has margin regions and the floating code weft threads are removed in the margin regions [(18)] of the narrow sides [(2)] of the label.

4. (Amended) The label as claimed in [one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that it] claim 1, wherein the label has marginal regions [(18)] folded on the narrow sides [(2)].

Please add the following new claims.

5. The label as claimed in claim 2, wherein the ground fabric has margin regions and the floating embroidery weft threads are removed in the margin regions of the narrow sides of the label.

6. The label as claimed in claim 2, wherein the label has marginal regions folded on the narrow sides.

7. The label as claimed in claim 3, wherein the label has marginal regions folded on the narrow sides.